Moultonborough Heritage Commission Annual Report



Established in March 2009, the Heritage Commission works toward the proper recognition, use, and protection of significant historical and cultural resources in the Town of Moultonborough. In 2010, the Commission successfully nominated two properties to the NH State Register of Historic Places (the Long Island Inn, listed May 2010; Kona Farm / Kona Mansion Inn, listed July 2010). In order to further public appreciation of local historical resources, the Heritage Commission continued its Community Landmarks Series in 2010, focusing attention on significant buildings and sites throughout the town. These seasonal events, hosted by the Moultonborough Public Library, again drew enthusiastic public response and record attendance. In June, Moultonborough Fire Warden Ed Maheux spoke on the historic Red Hill Fire Tower, and in July, Professor Thomas Hubka presented his New Hampshire Humanities Council program 'Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn' on connected New England farm buildings. The Heritage Commission plans to focus further on Moultonborough's barns and agricultural heritage in 2011.

In August 2010, the Heritage Commission held its first Community Landmarks Tour "Historic Inns and Estates of Moultonborough Neck and Long Island" in collaboration with the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. This event, which featured a published booklet with historical information on five landmark properties, received favorable media coverage and attracted 300 attendees. Following an introductory lecture by Cristina Ashjian and lunch at the Geneva Point Center, tour participants visited historic buildings at that site (the former Roxmont Poultry Farm) before independently touring four additional properties (the Long Island Inn and historic Windermere estate on Long Island, and Kona Mansion Inn and the Swallow Boathouse on Moultonborough Neck). The Commission is greatly indebted to private property owners and to tour sponsors and volunteers, who all contributed enormously to the great success of this event. In 2011, the Heritage Commission will continue to work with state entities and local boards, organizations, businesses, and individuals on community preservation projects.

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